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Residents unable to take vehicles out from homes as BWSSB contractor digs up 8 cross roads at once in Indiranagar

THE DIG-IT-ALL AGE

Everything, everywhere, dug all at once

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Hundreds of residents in Indiranagar 2nd Stage have been struggling for the last two months due to the indiscriminate digging of roads. Apparently, the Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) is replacing old underground drainage (UGD) pipes in the area.

The residents BM spoke to said they were not against the BWSSB replacing the old UGD pipes but the way the BWSSB contractor dug up around eight cross roads at a time making it difficult even to take out vehicles from houses.

"I am not against the BWSSB replacing the old UGD pipes; but it is not fair to allow the contractor to dig all the roads in the residential area at a time. We have been struggling a lot for the last two months. We do not know when the work will be completed," said Balakrishna, a resident.

He blamed the BWSSB for lack of a proper plan on how to replace old UGD pipes. "The BWSSB engineer did not discuss with the residents before commencing the work. He has no proper plan on how to

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"We are fortunate there were no medical emergencies in the area during the last two months. No ambulance could enter this area..." —Muniraju, resident

Sound of silencers

Citizens complain of youth speeding on two wheelers with tampered silencers

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If you are troubled by the 'growl' of modified silencers on the road, you are not alone. Residents across the city are complaining about speeding two wheelers with tampered silencers.

Modified silencers are mostly being used by youngsters for fun, said residents. More and more bikes in the city have silencers altered so that they sound like they have more horsepower than they actually do.

Sanjay, a commuter, said not only do these create noise pollution, but most bikers who have done this are seen speeding on the road.

"It is definitely a nuisance. While we are moving towards noise-free technology in the case of most machines, some of these bikers seem to be devolving. It is irritating and disturbing for other riders as well as pedestrians. The police need to crack down on the bike owners who modify the silencers. They also have to regulate the sale of such exhaust pipe parts that enhance the vehicle's sound. Moto vloggers in the city are making videos on where such accessories can be obtained. This shows how law enforcers have neglected this particular issue," said Sanjay.

According to data from the traffic police, the number of cases for defective silencers in 2022 was 1,423. The city registered 36 cases of defective silencers as of February 2023.

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Experience AI

Here's a chance to visit India's first tech-art festival 'FutureFantastic', which is first of its kind, and brings together Artificial Intelligence (AI) and art to discuss climate change. Engage in workshops, panel discussions, installations, and performances. Also get the experience of witnessing the digital and the physical realms coming together.
Where: Bangalore International Centre, Domlur
When: March 24 to 26; 10:30 am to 9 pm

02 Play at best

Directed by B Jayashree, Sadarame narrates the story of a beautiful girl who comes from a middle class background and ends up marrying Prince Jayaveera who loves her. After this the trouble shoots in their life. The two hour lovely play in Kannada offers its audience the portrayal of challenges that the character faces and overcomes through her intelligence.
Where: Ranga Shankara
When: March 24 and 25

03 Live show

At one of the most happening cafes in the city, catch My Artemis performing live. The band from Bengaluru will be paying tribute to Breaking Benjamin and Three Days Grace with an amazing performance.
Where: Hard Rock Cafe
When: March 30; 9 pm

Colours of Ugadi

A vendor arranges flower garlands at a flower market in Bengaluru on the eve of Ugadi, a festival celebrated as New Year's Day

Dive in to break records

Resident of Domlur becomes first Indian woman to swim across Palk Strait, overcomes several challenges to swim continuously

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A resident of Bengaluru has achieved a historic feat by becoming the first Indian woman to complete a swim across Palk Strait. Sucheta Deb Burman, a 39-year-old from Domlur, swam across the strait and covered a distance of 62 km in 19 hours and 31 minutes.

Deb's remarkable feat of endurance required five months of intensive training, with her putting in over 50-70 hours of work every week for preparation.

She had previously attempted this swim in 2022, but she had to abandon the attempt at the 34 km mark due to a shoulder injury. However, she refused to be discouraged and trained harder than ever before over the last year to come back and complete the unfinished swim.

"I was extremely nervous before the day of my swim. I had aimed to swim for 24 hours, and mentally prepared myself for it. We have many beautiful seas in India, and I decided to choose a spot to reach a record in India only. Hence, I decided to swim across Palk Strait," she explained.

Sucheta Deb Burman swam across Palk Strait and covered a distance of 62 km in 19 hours and 31 minutes

Deb's swim was not without its challenges, with the weather turning bad during the night and the winds picking up.

"As it grew darker at night, I started feeling scared as the winds grew strong and I couldn't even see anything. We had to swim along with the boat, and there were times when I hit my head and shoulder on it several times due to the bad weather, but I did not want to give up. I had my faith in God and continued to swim," she recounted.

Talking about what she could eat or drink during the swim she added that every swimmer has his or her tasty food. Hers are energy gels.

"While swimming, I kept having them and also took electrolytes along with ultra butter paste," she said.

Deb, who is coached by her father, has grown to be more passionate, ambitious, disciplined, committed, fit, healthy, and able to endure unpredictable weather and tugged waters. She hopes that her achievement will inspire others to pursue their dreams and make their country proud.

"With support and encouragement from everyone around me, I will make my country proud and be recognised in international marathon swimming," she further added.

In addition to her swimming accomplishments, Deb is also a NIS open water coach for Triathletes, Open Water Swim Enthusiasts, and TRIKIDS, a venture to create a healthy lifestyle for children and nurture their talent to be the best future athletes.

"In our frequent open water swims, we also clean the lakes where we swim in the water periphery of the lake. It's my way of giving back to nature as she lets me swim & strive towards being a better swimmer," she informed.

Furthermore, she thanked the Ministry of Defence, Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry Of Home Affairs, High Commission of India, Colombo, Local authorities at Rameshwaram, Nisha Millet, KSA President Gopalan, and her parents without whom she couldn't have done this.

Child welfare, justice is nobody's baby?

Term of committees, justice board expired in 2019; activists write to HC chief justice seeking immediate action

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Child rights activists in Karnataka have urged the Chief Justice of the Karnataka High Court to intervene in the matter of the absence of Child Welfare Committees and inaction of the Juvenile Justice Bench in the state.

In a letter to the Chief Justice, the activists said, "The children in need of care and protection and children in conflict with law in our state are currently facing a serious predicament due to the expiry of the term of the Child Welfare Committees (CWCs) and Juvenile Justice Board (JJBs) as on end 2019. Since then, the existing CWCs are either not functioning at all or taking additional charge of nearby CWCs, often taking decisions without the prescribed quorum of members of the diligent inquiry required to pass orders based on the principle of the best interest of children."

This situation is extremely concerning, as it puts vulnerable children at risk and leaves them without adequate protection, the letter added. Many child rights activists who had applied for various positions in these CWCs are still waiting for a response.

"When they called for applications during the pandemic, I had applied. However, I did not get any response for more than a year. Around four to six months ago, we were called to submit verification documents like Aadhaar cards, etc. I had hoped that things would finally pick up pace but nothing happened after that. We were told we will be called for an interview but it never happened," said Sujatha N, an RTE task force member from Bengaluru.

"I do not understand what the reason for delaying such procedures as it is a matter of children's rights. It is not only affecting them but the whole system because if there is no responsible person in these positions, whom are you going to approach and hold responsible? Whether I am chosen or not, that is secondary but there should be someone so things can run smoothly," Sujatha added.

The absence of CWCs and JJBs in the state also violates the provisions of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015, which mandates the establishment of these committees to safeguard the rights and interests of children in difficult circumstances.

"People in the field of child rights have collectively decided to write a letter against the absence of child welfare committees... There are so many people who are waiting to join these committees, we need new people in child welfare committees as they will also bring new ideas to the child welfare field," said Nagasimha G Rao, Director of Child Rights Trust.

The activists added that this will ensure that the welfare and protection of children are not compromised and that they receive the justice, care, and protection they deserve.

Ticket inspector suspended for harassing woman

CRIME FILES

A deputy chief ticket inspector of the railways has been arrested for allegedly harassing women passengers at KSR Railway Station in Bengaluru. The accused has been identified as Santosh Kumar V, who was earlier suspended from service for alleged harassment. According to the railway police, Santosh harassed the woman on March 14. Another passenger recorded a video of the accused harassing the woman, which went viral on social media.

Man kills wife

A man stabbed his wife to death in Hennur police station limits. It is said that Tabsim Babian, who was married to Sheikh Sohail 14 years ago, had left him and come to Bengaluru to be with her lover. Sohail also came to the city to look for Tabsim. They got into a fight here and he killed her. According to the police, the man also injured her two-and-half-year-old child.

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High tension drama over what earth-mover dug up

High-tension 11 KV electric line catches Nyanapanahalli citizens by surprise

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As assembly elections approach, work on roads and footpaths is in full swing in the city. Many localities are getting new tarred roads. However, not all has gone well. When the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) dug up a road in Begur to prepare Nyanappanahalli Main Road, Chamuneshwari Nagar (1st cross) for asphalting, the earth mover (JCB) accidentally pulled out a high-tension 11 KV electric line from the ground. This resulted in short circuits at a couple of houses and caused damage.

The residents alleged that the incident also put the life of the JCB driver at risk. While the incident created unrest among locals, the BESCOM and the BBMP continued their usual 'blame game' instead of taking responsibility for the mishap.

In December 2020, BESCOM began converting overhead (OH) electricity lines to underground (UG) cable lines in four stages to improve load management, reduce unauthorised connections, and provide consumers with a higher quality and more dependable power supply. One of the objectives of this project was also to avoid fatal and non-fatal accidents occurring due to the snapping of OH lines. However, BESCOM failed to achieve this objective by superficially laying the high-tension wires.

The high-tension 11 KV electric line that was accidentally pulled out

A resident and member of Bengaluru NavaNirmana Party (BNP) said, "We were shocked to see that 11 KV high-tension wires were sticking out from the ground. Two houses suffered short circuits. Fortunately, there were no casualties. The wires that are actually meant to be laid at least three feet deep are laid superficially. When I called the BESCOM office to inquire about the issue, the person in charge seemed uninterested in knowing what had happened and what caused it. Instead, he was only concerned with whether the electricity had been restored in the area. The BBMP and the BESCOM employees also started an argument at the site, blaming each other. One year ago, a similar incident occurred at the dry waste collection center in this area. The OH lines were damaged by the JCB used at the center."

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> – Resident and BNP member

BNP core member, Lalithamaba BV said that the incident brought out a serious lapse in following standard procedure while laying high-tension wires. "Neither the BBMP nor BESCOM can get off the hook by evading their responsibilities. The city will see smoother, better, and more sustainable living if civic agencies take responsibility for and work together towards a common goal," said Lalithamaba.

Locals pointed out that in the final stage of asphalting the road, BESCOM came and re-laid the damaged cables. "We have seen BESCOM cables lying on the ground and have urged them to fix these issues. We have already seen many cases of people getting electrocuted due to electric wires. It is high time a lot of precautions are taken."

Silt no longer to the hilt

BBMP finally cleans drain full of silt, garbage on Nala Road

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The residents of Saraswathipuram, particularly those on Nala Road, can now breathe a sigh of relief as the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has taken measures to remove garbage and silt from the stormwater drain.

"We removed five truckloads of silt and garbage from the stormwater drain on Monday night. I will take measures to fix the fence to prevent people from throwing garbage into the drain," said BBMP assistant engineer (SWD) Vikrant Kumaraswamy.

He has also assured to raise awareness among families living along the stormwater drain about the importance of keeping it free from garbage dumping. "As people continue to throw garbage into the drain, it has become a tough task for us to remove it," he said.

Bangalore Mirror published a story called The Silt Route on March 19, narrating how the accumulated silt and garbage had become an eyesore for the residents and pedestrians.

An earth moving vehicle removing silt from the storm water drain on Monday night

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DRAIN TEASER: Mound of silt at Halasuru storm water drain, desilted a few months ago, 'used as ramp for earthmover'
THE SILT ROUTE

BM's report on Mar 19 spoke about the Halasuru SWD becoming a dumpyard

Meanwhile, residents want the BBMP authorities to fix the fence as soon as possible to prevent irresponsible citizens from throwing all types of waste into the stormwater drain.

"I am not satisfied with the BBMP's knee-jerk reaction to the news published in the media. I want them to remove all the garbage from the drain. They have to fix the fence without any delay," said BR Chandran, a resident of Halasuru.

Chandran said that debris in the drain is yet to be removed, and that he believes the contractor assigned for the annual maintenance of the drain is not doing his duty.

Rajesh Krishna, a resident of Jogupalya, suggested that the authorities keep a watch on people who are dumping garbage into the drain. "I want the BBMP authorities to fix the fence, not only to prevent people from throwing garbage into the drain, but also to prevent cats and dogs from falling into it," he said.

Some residents feel that the Palike should visit the stormwater drain once a week and direct the assigned contractor to ensure that it remains free from garbage. "Garbage has been accumulating in the drain for over a year. The authorities have done nothing all this time. I urge the BBMP officials, especially those from the stormwater drain department, to carry out their duties," said one resident.

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Remove the block

Rajajinagar

The road is blocked on 1st cross, 3rd Main, Rajajinagar 2nd stage opposite Kuvempu Coop Society, causing pedestrians to use the busy main road.

Residential obstacles

Jayanagar

BBMP has not cleared this in front of a residence in Jayanagar 4th block, 7th main.

Out of order

Yemalur

The footpath in Yemalur overbridge is always in an unusable condition.

‘Daylight robbery’ rocks industrialist

Man loses more than Rs 4 crore for promised rooftop solar installation

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This is a classic story of how gullible people, including industrialists, are vulnerable to the tricks of crooks capable of creating fake documents at the drop of a hat. An industrialist who owns a firm in the Peenya industrial rea lost more than Rs 4 crore and approached the Sanjay Nagar Police seeking suitable action against the accused.

The Sanjay Nagar Police have registered a First Information Report (FIR) based on a complaint lodged by Gullu G Talareja, the industrialist residing in Sanjay Nagar, against Pramod Prakash Rao of Samruddhi Renewables Solutions Private Limited of MICO Layout. The police have registered the FIR under Sections 406 (criminal breach of trust), 420 (cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property), 467 (forgery of valuable security), 468 (forgery for the purpose of cheating), and 471 (fraudulently uses as genuine any document that is fake) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) 1860.

According to the complaint lodged by Talareja, the accused visited his residence in September 2022 and claimed to have vast experience in rooftop solar installations. He also produced some brochures in support of his expertise. Talareja said that he gave Rs 20,00,000 to Rao for the installation of a rooftop solar unit at his establishment situated in the Peenya industrial area. However, Rao failed to complete the installation work as per the schedule. According to the FIR copy, Rao began demanding more money from Talareja for purchasing solar modules. He also produced a copy of a letter of credit given by a private bank. Considering the copy of the letter of credit, Talareja gave Rs 4,11,00,000 to Rao. Later, Talareja came to know that all the documents, including the letter of credit issued by the private bank, were fake.

The accused visited the victim’s residence in 2022 and claimed to have vast experience in rooftop solar installations

“No one should be cheated by Rao in the future. When we approached the Sanjay Nagar police, some people told us that they were also cheated by him. I have no other option than approaching the police,” said the industrialist.

It is believed that the private bank made it clear to the police that they did not issue the letter of credit to the accused.

A Sanjay Nagar Police Inspector said that the accused had been arrested. “The accused is in judicial custody. Some people, especially those who supplied materials to the accused, have approached us, claiming that he has cheated them. We are collecting information and complaints from them,” informed the police inspector.

More covid, higher testing

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With an uptick in covid cases, the BBMP has decided to increase testing. It now plans to go for testing secondary contacts as well. Nath said, “Around 68 fresh cases have been detected out of 600 tests and this means the positivity rate is around 11.33 per cent. If we increase the tests to 1,000, the TPR will come down. Earlier, we used to test 6,000 people a day. Out of 6,000, half of them would be those who voluntarily got tested at private labs. Now, we plan to conduct around 3,000 tests with the Bengaluru Urban health wing. We may conduct another 2,000 tests. As of now, we have sufficient RAT and RT PCR kits.”

The XBB.1.16 variant is possible behind the surge, and although this variant is not known to be virulent, a few deaths have been reported.

The civic body will discuss measures that are to be taken with experts. They want to focus on increased testing at the moment.

Change course to ease traffic

Bengaluru Traffic Police plans ways to decongest busy roads in Bengaluru, intends to divert traffic to Avenue Road in order to decongest Town Hall junction

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As of now, you may find it tough to walk on Avenue Road or Russell Market Road. However, the Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) is now busy planning to ask the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) to operate buses on these busy roads.

"We want to decongest the Town Hall junction and for this we plan to use the Avenue Road. In fact, the buses plied earlier on Avenue Road. Now, we plan to bring back the buses on these busy streets once the Smart City works are completed," said Special Commissioner (traffic) MA Saleem.

Interestingly, Avenue Road is one of the oldest roads in the city.

"Avenue Road is the shortest route from KR Market to old Mysore Bank Circle. However, as the road is congested, the buses travel via Town Hall. The Town Hall junction is a major junction that connects KR Market Road with JC Road. So, the police want to divert the buses during the peak hour via Avenue road so that the Town Hall junction could see lesser traffic of heavy vehicles," informed a police official.

However, it will be a Herculean and challenging task for the police to operate buses given the condition of the current road. The police officers are hopeful that once the buses are introduced, it will also put an end to the haphazard parking problem on the road. They also need to ensure that the pavements are free from hawkers and footpaths for walkers. The authorities may have to install iron grills alongside the pavements and ensure the narrow 40-feet road is not used for parking.

During his earlier stint as Additional Commissioner of Police, MA Saleem had announced that traffic police were facilitating bus movement on the narrow Avenue Road in Bengaluru's business district so that the journey time between City Market and Mysore Bank Circle would be reduced drastically.

Traffic police plan to decongest the busy Town Hall junction that connects KR Market Road with JC Road

> **We want to decongest Town Hall Junction; for this we plan to use Avenue Road. The plan is to bring back buses on these streets once Smart City works are completed** –MA Saleem

However, it could not materialise because of resistance from traders and unwilling BMTC bus drivers. Police say that allowing buses on the Avenue Road will reduce the distance to less than two kilometres besides cutting down travel time by more than half. It will also increase fuel efficiency.

Initially, the plan would be to operate during peak hours as a large number of people from south Bengaluru areas such as Chamarajpet, Bull Temple Road, and Basavanagudi work in the Vidhana Soudha and other government offices located in the area.

As reported by Bangalore Mirror earlier, Avenue Road is a one-mile stretch from Mysore Bank Circle to Sirsi Flyover at KR Market. The area was originally known as Doddapette where the British army, led by Lord Cornwallis, camped while fighting against Tipu Sultan. The British were marching towards Mysuru and Bengaluru and Doddapette was a strategic location to take on Tipu.

It is documented that the area, along with adjoining areas of Chickpet and Sultanpet, emerged as the city's trading hub. It is also said that during partition, hundreds of thousands of refugees from Pakistan came to the area and made it their home. Later, many other trading communities from north and west India established successful businesses here, adding to its status of a trading hub.

Metro: Change in names to avoid confusion

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Just a few days before the inauguration of the Whitefield to KR Puram metro line, Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) changed the names of 4 stations. The measure was taken in light of the confusion over localities, say BMRCL sources.

BMRCL is all set to inaugurate the Whitfield-KR Puram line on March 25, but just 4 days before the inauguration, BMRCL has changed the metro station boards at 6 venues.

Now, Hoodi junction has been renamed to Hoodi, Kudogodi has been changed to Kadugodi Tree Park, Channasandra has been changed to Channasandra (Hopefarm) and Whitefield has been changed to Whitefield (Kadugodi).

Yashwanth Chavan, BMRCL Chief PRO, told Bangalore Mirror that the names were changed based on the locality and names familiar to localities.

Whitefield Metro Station's name has been changed

"There was some confusion with the previous names," he said.

The request for the name change of metro stations was made by the Mahadevapura MLA office based on feedback from residents.

According to sources, the request was sent to BMRCL roughly 4 weeks ago.

"It was primarily changed to represent the village in the neighbourhood. Initially, there was some confusion about the names. In the case of Whitefield Metro Station, the inner and outer circles are Whitefield but the exact location of the station is Kadugodi. Due to the presence of Whitefield Metro Station, BMRCL named it Whitefield Metro Station. Citizens wanted to call it Kadugodi, and now it has been renamed to Whitefield(Kadugodi) to avoid confusion," said General Secretary of Mahadevapura Task Force, Clement Jayakumar.

Similarly, the Hoodi junction metro station was changed to give prominence to the Hoodi Village. Kadugodi station was renamed to highlight the Kadugodi Tree Park which is a symbol of pride for Mahadevapura, he added.

The 13.71 km long Whitefield-KR Puram line is expected to relieve the woes of the commuters within the IT belt. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to inaugurate the line on March 25.

Metro officials are expecting a slight delay in commute ranging from 1-2 minutes due to incomplete Baiyappanahalli lines. Commuters will have to wait for 10-11 minutes initially until the 2.1 km Baiyappanahalli line is completed. Once completed, metro hopes to reduce the wait time to 5 minutes based on passenger load.

Currently, the trains will terminate at KR Puram and will have to change tracks. The Whitefield-KR Puram line will have 11 stations: Whitefield(Kadugodi), Channasandra (Hope Farm), Kadugodi (Tree Park), Pattandur Agrahara (ITBP), Garudacharpalya, Mahadevapura, Singayayanapalya, KR Puram, Sri Sathya Sai Hospital, Nallurhalli, Kundalahallu, Seetharam Palya, and Hoodi.

For healthy listening

World Hearing Day is held on March 3 every year to raise awareness on how to prevent deafness and hearing loss. The day is celebrated to promote ear and hearing care across the world. The theme of World Hearing Day 2023 is 'Ear and hearing care for all!'

The theme emphasises the need for hearing screening programmes, early diagnosis, and prompt treatment to prevent the consequences of untreated hearing loss, such as social isolation, communication difficulties, and decreased quality of life.

At the event, doctors diagnosed employees with various tests

To tackle all these barriers, KCPRF organised a free health camp by partnering with Bangalore ENT Institute, and Bangalore Hearing and Implant Institute. This camp was held at Muthoot Finance Office, Lingarajapuram. The doctors and the audiologists diagnosed the employees with various tests, and also provided medicines for employees. –BMB

Actor held over tweets

The Bengaluru City Police arrested actor and activist Chetan Kumar, also known as Chetan Ahimsa, on Tuesday for allegedly offending religious sentiments in a tweet against Hinduism. This is his second arrest due to his tweet in the past year.

Chetan stated in a tweet on Monday that Hindutva was based on lies and that the truth will defeat it.

According to police sources, a man by the name of Shivakumar went to the police and complained that Chetan's tweet insulted religious sentiments.

Chetan was arrested by the Seshadripuram police on Tuesday and has been remanded to judicial custody for 14 days. –BMB

HC on illegal hoardings

The High Court of Karnataka has expressed its displeasure at the compliance report filed by city civic agency the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) on the issue of illegal hoardings and banners in Bengaluru.

The division bench headed by the Chief Justice Prasanna B Varale expressed surprise at only 53 first information reports (FIRs) being filed out of the 9,570 unauthorised hoardings, banners and flex that the authority claimed to have identified since January 2023. The compliance report had details of illegal banners in each zone of BBMP. –PTI

2 new flyovers, make it double-decker

File photo of Metro construction work at the ORR line

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South Bengaluru will be getting two double-decker flyovers. The Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL), which will construct the metro line on the Outer Ring Road (ORR), will now take up flyover work too.

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath said, "As part of the signal-free projects on ORR between Nayandanahalli and Central Silk Board, we had planned to construct two flyovers at Ittamadu-Kamakya and Sarakki junctions at a cost of Rs 170.74 crore. However, by then we received a letter from BMRCL stating that we should not take up any projects as metro lines have been proposed under phase three. Recently, we held a meeting where BMRCL suggested the taking up of an integrated flyover which will have both the road and rail projects."

The money reserved for the two flyovers will now be utilised for local development in the Padmanabhanagar constituency. Nath mentioned that out of the Rs 170.50 crore, Rs 130 crore will be spent on the development of grounds, gardens, and walking paths. Another Rs 30 to Rs 40 crore could be spent on Banashankari junction, where an integrated flyover costing around Rs 55 crore has been proposed and will be taken up by BMRCL. BBMP will also contribute to this project.

Lower deck will be used for vehicles while trains will run on upper deck

BMRCL is currently constructing a 3.35 km long road-cum-rail flyover from Ragi Gudda to Central Silk Board junction where it is building the 18.82 km yellow line that connects RV road junction to Bommasandra. In this project, the lower deck (eight metres above the surface) will be for vehicles and the upper deck (16 metres above the surface) for the metro. This innovative project is expected to ease traffic congestion in the area.

How to tame your dragon... fruit

Find out from B'luru that is chosen as centre of excellence for dragon fruit cultivation

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Popularly known as the IT hub of the nation, Bengaluru has now been selected as the experimental centre for dragon fruits. The Bannerghatta Indian horticulture Centre (BIHC) has chosen IIHR (Indian Institute of Horticulture and Research, Hirehalli) for cultivation purposes.

The Centre of Excellence has identified 49 research centres across the nation aiming to achieve excellence and overall development in the field of horticulture. Amongst the chosen centres, Bengaluru has been selected as the centre for dragon fruits, while centres in places such as Jaipur and Goa have been selected for the cultivation of mango, flowers, and vegetables respectively. This initiative has been approved by the Indian Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers welfare.

BangaloreMirror
In the mood for dragon fruit juice?
BM had reported on March 4 about city scientists coming up with dragon fruit juice

Ten out of 35 acres of land at the Hirehalli centre will be utilised to cultivate 12-15 tons of dragon fruit annually. This initiative shall adopt pre as well as post-harvesting techniques to cultivate dragon fruit. The main objective of this initiative is to increase the nutritive value of cultivated fruits. Although the initial investment for the cultivation of dragon fruits requires a minimum of Rs 3-4 lakh, the cultivation of dragon fruit can increase the income of the farmers.

Dragon fruit is a farmer-friendly fruit. Being of a desert variety, dragon fruits do not require much water, reducing the cost of irrigation. A farmer can cultivate dragon fruit from April to December. It can be grown on infertile land as well and gives yields all-year-round.

"Also known as the Kamalam, dragon fruits can be consumed by everyone, including individuals with diabetes as well as BP patients. The presence of zinc, potassium, iron, and calcium makes dragon fruit a rich source of nutrition. The anti-cancer properties help individuals fight cancer. This fruit helps in boosting one's immunity," says Dr. C Karunakar, scientist and the Officer-In-Charge at the Hirehalli Experiment Centre.

The humid climate of Karnataka plays a crucial role in the cultivation of fruits. The state's marketing potential that helps to reach the Mumbai market results in it reaching different parts of the nation and the quality of fruits cultivated in the state has also enabled the cultivation of dragon fruit in the state.

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Civic body replacing old UGD pipes in neighbourhood

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reduce inconvenience to the residents. We demand the BWSSB complete the work as early as possible," he said.

The residents said they were neither in a position to take out their vehicles nor avail auto-rickshaws to go shopping or visit the nearest clinic or hospital. "Autorickshaw drivers refuse to enter this area because of the condition of roads.

We are fortunate that there were no medical emergencies in the area during the last two months. No ambulance vehicle could enter this area due to the pitiable condition of the entire crossroads," said Muniraju, a resident.

The residents further complained that the BWSSB is not insisting on the contractor to expedite the ongoing UGD pipe laying in the area. All the roads around Wood Park are dug up.

"Our homes have become dusty. We have to dust furniture thrice a day. Our roads are full of dust when the sun shines and the roads become slushy when it rains. How to cope with these roads?" asked a resident on the condition of anonymity.

Meanwhile, a BWSSB engineer said he has taken all measures to complete the laying of UGD pipes as early as possible. "Most of the work is completed. I am confident of completing the work in a few days. We will take up the restoration of the roads in the area," the engineer said.

He said that he has already directed the contractor to engage more workers to complete the ongoing UGD pipe laying work.

"The contractor has engaged workers to level the road stretches that were dug up for laying the UGD pipes. I have been visiting the area to supervise the ongoing work," he said.

As if dug up roads were not enough, residents of Indiranagar 2nd Stage, 16th Cross road, were in shock to see a heap of garbage on the road. It is alleged that a few people attached to garbage auto tippers dumped garbage on the road.

Troubled by the 'growl'?

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Raghavendra HS, president, Karnataka State Motorists' Association (KSMA) said traffic police should have drives near educational institutes to book maximum cases of silencer tampering.

"Not only are other motorists facing problems because of defective silencers on the road, but it is also troubling senior citizens, pedestrians and children. The silencers are mostly tampered with by youth.

To ensure that these cases are reduced, we should follow Noida, where the police are charging hefty fines on silencer violations. So, in Bengaluru, if the police start slapping hefty fines alongside destroying these silencers, then these cases will reduce. Also, the police should have a drive near educational institutes, where you can book maximum cases," he said.

Additional commissioner (enforcement) of transport department C Mallikarjuna told Bangalore Mirror that the transport department is monitoring these activities with the help of traffic police.

"We have enforcement officers on the road; when they identify such cases, vehicles are checked to find out if they are following all the norms; if found to violate the noise pollution rule or emit a lot of smoke, then silencers are removed and kept in office. We are regularly monitoring these things with the help of Bengaluru traffic police," he said.

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Deglam detour

Janhvi opens up on why she chose to stay away from glamorous roles at start of career

Actor Janhvi Kapoor, who has, on more occasions than one, proved her mettle with movies like Gunjan Saxena: The Kargil Girl, Good Luck Jerry and Mili, recently opened up on why she chose to not do extremely glamorous roles in the beginning of her career, since that would have been the easy route to take.

Speaking at the India Today Conclave 2023, Janhvi said, "I like to take the route that's less predictable, and learn from it. It would come very naturally for me to do the glamorous roles, where I can come in and do two-three comedy scenes and dance. And I'm dying to do those kind of roles, because I think it's a lot of fun, and it gains a lot of popularity among the masses. But that's what everybody expected me to do, so I felt the need to the complete opposite for a while, and now I'm thinking."

The actor also opened up on her mom Sridevi, saying that "She is my mom, and I've grown up hearing what her outlook on cinema is, learning from her taste in films, her take on her art..."

Janhvi will now be seen in the movie Bawaal with Varun Dhawan. She will also be making her Telugu debut with Jr NTR in the action-entertainer, NTR 30. —ETimes

Heroine on board

Sanjana Das is the latest to get on board the movie Ello Jogappa Ninna Aramane. The movie has two lead actresses, with the other role being played by Venya Rai. As of now, the crew of Ello Jogappa Ninna Aramane are in Maharashtra to shoot a few sequences for the film.

With the selection of Sanjana, the director's hunt for a suitable heroine comes to an end.

"I have accepted to act in this movie because of its script. The director's narration of the script was very interesting. I have an opportunity to play a different role," said Sanjana.

Sanjana has acted in Manasmitha, KTM, and a Malayalam movie Moonwalk. "I have also acted in an English web series but I can't reveal the name," she said.

Director Hayavadana said he was looking for a suitable girl to play the second heroine. "I am very happy to have Sanjana Das on board. One heroine in the movie is from a village background while another heroine is from a city and a blogger. I selected Sanjana because she is apt for the role. Sanjana plays a key role which gives a twist to the story," said Hayavadana.

The director said Yello Jogappa Ninna Aramane is a story of travel that begins in Bengaluru and goes to northern states through North Karnataka. Anjan Nagendra of Kamblihula fame plays the lead of a person who wants to succeed by using social media.

—Y Maheswara Reddy

Great speed

Viren Keshav who played the lead in Cocktail is set to play the lead in Rabasa.

Viren's father Dr Shivappa has been making arrangements to bankroll Rabasa. It will be helmed by debutante director Raaj Chaitanya.

Raaj Chaitanya told BM arrangements are being made to select suitable actors for the movie. Raaj Chaitanya has handled the megaphone for various tele serials and worked under director S Narayan for one or two Kannada movies.

"Producer Dr Shivappa has been busy selecting actors and technicians for the movie. If all goes well, we are planning to commence the shooting next month," said the director.

According to producer Dr Shivappa, the shooting will be held in Bengaluru, Mysuru, Chikkamagaluru, Kodagu, Nepal, Bangkok, and Goa. "The movie will have all the ingredients including action, love, sentiment, emotion and drama. We are trying to rope in a famous choreographer," he said.

Rabasa will be made under Vijayalakshmi Combines banner. Srinivas KB, Feroze Nadaf, Mehaboobasab, and B Havaldar Mundargi have joined hands with Dr Shivappa to bankroll this movie.

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SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

There are 7 bags of marbles. Each bag contains either all blue marbles or all red marbles. In total there are twice as many blue marbles as there are red marbles. The number of marbles in each bag is either 4, 8, 9, 15, 19, 21, 23. No two bags have the same number of marbles. Can you tell which of the bags have blue marbles and which of the bags have red marbles?

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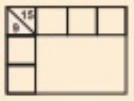
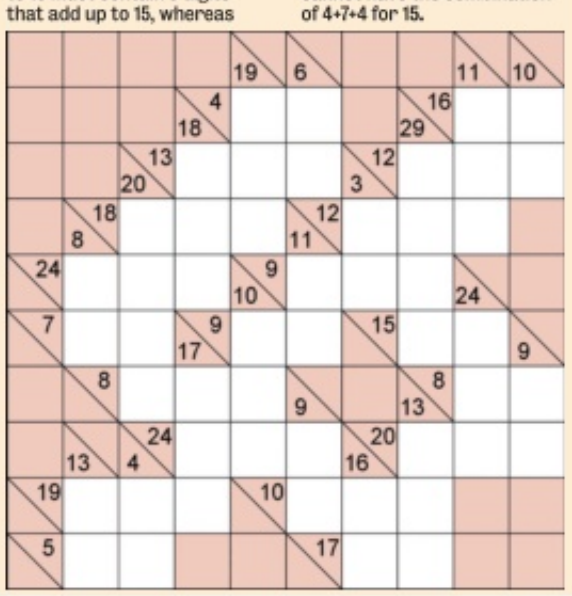
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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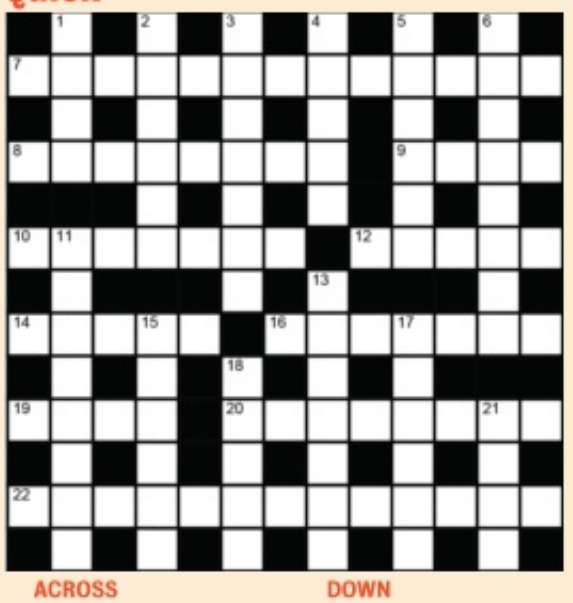

ACROSS

7 Rhombus for one? (13)
8 Accepted gladly (8)
9 Entry in a list (4)
10 Endeavours (7)
12 Flower part (5)
14 Preferred (5)
16 Noted narrator (7)
19 ___ facto : by that very fact? (4)
20 Perplex (8)
22 State in central India (6,7)

DOWN

1 Masculine person (4)
2 Cowboy of the pampas (6)
3 Prevailing weather pattern (7)
4 Avoid (5)
5 Set alight (6)
6 Cut jaggedly (8)
11 Justice, not hitting below the belt? (4,4)
13 Cinema in the Banashankari area (7)
15 Periods, ages (6)
17 Tune (6)
18 German submarine (1-4)
21 Kind of chair (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: R EQUALS G

XBOWVXR VD OWHAH UBAH IAVHXZFJ OB M UMX OWMX M IAVHXZ VX XHHZ.

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Joke of the day

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Loop

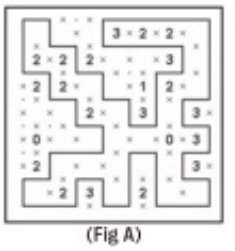
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

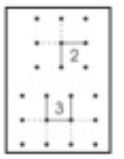
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

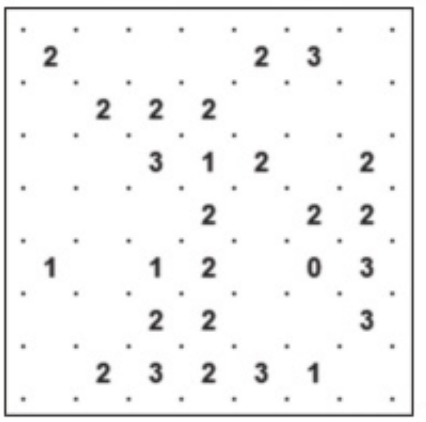
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



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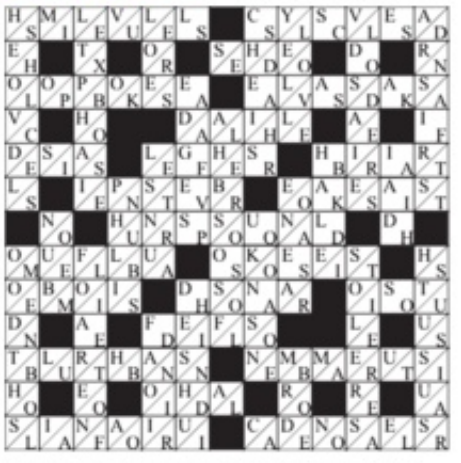

This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5
6		F		
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ACROSS

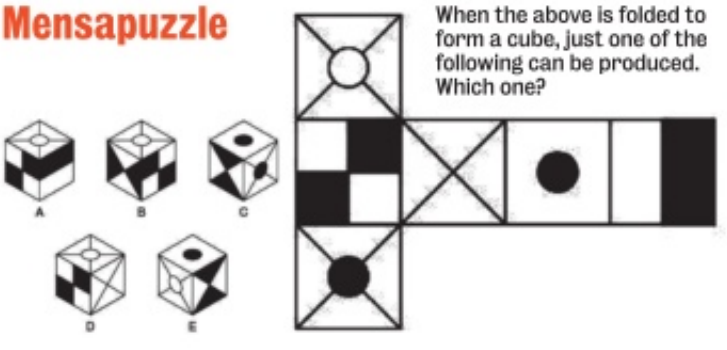
1 Prags; 6 Filer; 7 Laudo; 8 Me pul; 9 Shlep

DOWN

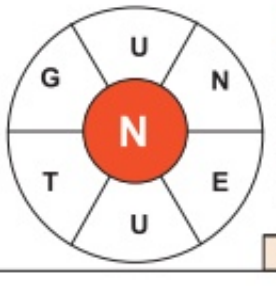
1 Ph rag; 2 Iller; 3 Of alu; 4 Lumps; 5 Speed

Mensapuzzle

When the above is folded to form a cube, just one of the following can be produced. Which one?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

01 Average; 02 Good; 03 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

5			6		7			9
	4			1			2	
		7				5		
2			3		9			7
	5	4				9	8	
1			5		8			2
		3				2		
	9			7			1	
8			1		2			4

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 10
1 1 2 6

Medium = 21
1 2 2 9

Hard = 22
3 4 7 3

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

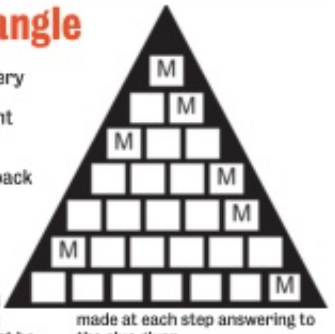
Differences: 1. Leg is moved. 2. Arm is longer. 3. Hair is shorter. 4. Chimney is different. 5. Bush is taller. 6. Stone in wall is different.

Riddler

Begin with the word "SPARKLING" and take away one letter so as to leave a new word. Then take away another letter from the new word and leave a different word. Continue this, letter by letter, getting a new word every time until you finally leave one word containing only one letter. You must not disturb the order of the remaining letters after a removal.

Alpha triangle

1 Bond's boss
2 Start of Cain's query
3 PC alternative
4 Chowder ingredient
5 Assertion
6 Evil intent
7 Take back or win back



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

TANGLEFOOT WAS HURT IN A BUFFALO STAMPEDE
MEDICINE MAN IS BOOKED SOLID FOR TODAY... HOW SERIOUS IS IT?
DOES IT STILL HURT?
MOAN

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

HERE WE GO. MASCOT AUDITIONS. I CAN DO THIS.
AUDITORIUM
GOOD LUCK, DEAR!
YOU GUYS! YOU ALL GOT UP EARLY TO BE HERE?
YAWN!
YEAH, SO YOU'D BETTER GET THE PART SO IT WAS WORTH IT!

Crankshaft

WHERE'S ED THIS MORNING?
HE DECIDED TO TRY TO CLEAN ALL OF THE GLITTER FROM THE KIDS' HOLIDAY CLOTHING OUT OF HIS BUS SO HE DOESN'T HAVE TO WEAR THE SUNGLASSES ANYMORE.
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Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may be blessed by the moon. You may receive a high position after your hard work, and your performance at work may improve. You may also meet an influential person who can give you good direction to improve your life. Managing domestic issues may be easy, which can boost harmony in your domestic life.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may be happy as things may be somewhat better. You may plan to visit a spiritual place, which may give you inner strength. You may also donate some amount to a spiritual place or to charity. Expect some overseas travel in terms of education or work. Couples may find their suitable match, and singles are likely to find a soul mate.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may feel unhappy and dull, which can affect your work. There may be some delay in your projects, which may affect your prestige in your professional and domestic life. It is advised to avoid adventure tours or rash driving. Lovebirds may have important conversations. Jobseekers may be disappointed in terms of a new job.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may feel positive vibrations around you and things are under control. You may plan to start a new business in partnership and expect some long-distance travel. You will strike a faith with your spouse, which will bring harmony in your domestic life.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may perform your best in the office and have a good bond with your boss. You may get new responsibilities in terms of promotions, and chronic health issues may be cured now. You may also receive good incentives for your work. Disputes with siblings may be resolved, and job seekers may find a new job.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, kids' education may keep you busy, and you may plan for their higher studies. Couples may hear good news in terms of a child. You may think of updating and making a plan for higher studies to get a promotion in your current job. Singles may find their soulmate, and those related to education, consultants, and banking may do better.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may feel dissatisfied and unable to take your responsibilities. Your investments may give you some loss, so it's advised to read documents carefully before signing. Elders' health may make you upset, and it's best to postpone house renovation plans for a while.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may be busy at work, and your network may increase, which can help you get a big order in terms of business and work. You may start an innovation in partnership and receive investments in your business, which will increase your business in the near future. Your emotional relationship with your spouse will also improve.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may be busy with your family and feel happy enjoying time with them. You may expect new sources of income, which may boost your financial health. Control your expenditures on worthless stuff and buy worthwhile things that can increase your social status.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, elder's blessings may help you improve your patience. Your focus may come back, which can help you achieve your goals. You may perform well in terms of business and domestic life, with balance between expenditures and savings that can boost your savings.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, some dissatisfaction may come into your mind, and you may feel lazy and dull, which can affect your work's speed and cause delays. Lovebirds are advised to avoid making any important decisions regarding marriage, and job seekers may experience disappointments in terms of interviews.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, your internal power may make you happy, and you may gain from short-term investments. You may build good relations with your boss, receive promotions, and increase your prestige in society. You may also expect some work-related travel.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M Adding up the marbles in all 7 bags gives us a total of 99 marbles. Since blue marbles are twice as many as red marbles, the ratio of blue to red marbles is 2:1. Based on that fact, there are 66 blue marbles and 33 red marbles. Looking at the possibilities, 4+8+21 = 33. So, the bags with 4, 8, and 21 marbles are all red marbles. The remaining bags, (9+15+19+23 = 66), have blue marbles.

BULL'S EYE
gent, tuna, UNGUENT

FAST FIVE

G	R	A	S	P
R	I	F	L	E
A	L	O	U	D
P	L	U	M	E
H	E	L	P	S

STRIKE OUT

S	I	E	V	E	S		C	Y	C	L	E	D		
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QUICK

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	L		I		K		E		D					

MENSA PUZZLE
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RIDDLER
1) Sparkling; 2) Sparkling 3) Sparling 4) Sparkling 5) Sprig; 6) Prig 7) Pig 8) Pi 9) I.

QUOTE UNCODE
Nothing is there more friendly to a man than a friend in need.

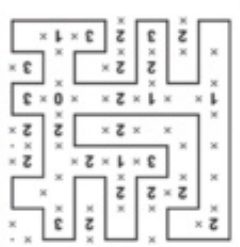
SUDOKU

5	2	1	6	3	7	8	4	9
6	4	8	9	1	5	7	2	3
9	3	7	2	8	4	5	6	1
2	8	6	3	4	9	1	5	7
3	5	4	7	2	1	9	8	6
7	1	3	4	5	6	8	9	2
1	7	9	5	6	8	4	3	2
4	9	2	8	7	3	6	1	5
8	6	5	1	9	2	3	7	4

ALPHA TRIANGLE
M, Am, Mac, Clam, Claim, Malice, Reclaim.

GO FIGURE
Easy
2 + 6 + 1 + 1 = 10
Medium
2 + 9 x 2 – 1 = 21
Hard
4 x 3 + 3 + 7 = 22

LOOP



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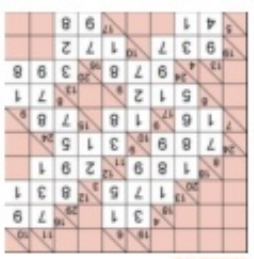

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